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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2822  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q54388

Atsushi SAKAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/576,957

Group Art Unit: 2822

Confirmation No.: 5486

Examiner: Michael Manh Trinh

Filed: May 24, 2000

For: SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, in which the Examiner set a three-month period for response. Review and reconsideration on the merits in view of the following remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claims 1-5, 7 and 15-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

8. (twice amended) The method for producing a solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in claim 6, wherein a solution of a heat resistant resin or a precursor thereof is used as the masking material solution.

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